

Welcome!

We are glad you came to worship this morning. If you are a guest this morning would you take a moment and fill out the Welcome Card attached to this worship bulletin? Just drop it in the offering plate or turn it in at the Welcome Center.

We are glad you are here!

Our Worship Today

Gathering

Our worship focuses on gathering to worship God through lifting our voices in song, praise, and prayer. We bring forth our thanksgiving from the fruit of our lips and through our regular giving. We celebrate who He is and what He has done and continues to do in our lives and in the lives of others.



Baptism

Today you will experience the most beautiful drama known to mankind. The participants are not actors yet are acting in faith. They have placed their trust in Him through believing He is the Son of God; that His death washed their sin away. They have repented of their sin and accepted His free gift of salvation and now confess Him as Lord of their lives by being baptized as the Apostle Peter described, "for the forgiveness of your sins and you shall receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

The Word

Each of us face various trials and we handle them in various ways, too. But what if God had each of us in mind when James says, "consider it pure joy" when we face these trials. What if there was actually a greater experience to be had from our afflictions, our questionings, our sufferings...? Today we are going to search God's message to us from the epistle of James and discover His truths about trials and how to handle them.

Message: Time Trials & Perseverance (James 1:2ff)
Tom Caffery

The Table

Each week we have communion to remember what Jesus has done for us. We invite all believers to partake of the emblems of his body and blood as the trays are passed.

The Sending

Each week we reflect on what God has said to each of us in the worship experience. Maybe He is calling you to Himself. If you are ready to become a Christian, to rededicate your life to Christ, or desire to become a member of First Christian, then, we invite you to come forward at the end of the service to speak with a Minister or one our Decision Counselors.



Children's Ministries

Nursery (New Born to 24 months) **9:00—11:45 AM West Hall**
Sunday School (2 yrs old thru 5th gr.) **9:00—10:00 AM Lower Level**
BLAST Children's Worship **10:30—11:45 AM Lower Level**

Parents, if your assistance is needed with your child you will be contacted by your nursery pager or the number on your BLAST claim check, which will be displayed on the lower corner of the screen in the Worship Center.

Today

- ◆Decision Counselors: Jane Duran Charlie Cross Jacqui Cross
- ◆Shut-in-Communion: R. Nelson

Get in to The Book!

Join a Bible Class and get into God's Word in a relaxed and friendly setting. You will benefit from His Word and enjoy studying with other's who desire to grow in Him!

Classes begin at 9:00 AM
Bring your Bible...we'll take care of the coffee!

Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Classes meet at 9:00 AM

- RM 100: *Hebrews* (Art Cordova)
- RM 101: *That the World May Know* (Tom Harger)
- Chapel: Women's Sunday Bible Study
- RM 108: *The Book of Proverbs* (Todd Zeter)
- RM 109: *The Book of Mark* (Tom Headley)
- RM 110: *James* (Bud Cavin)
- LOWER LEVEL: *College Age Class* (John Linn)
- FUSION Lab (Family Center): *Jr & Sr High Students*

Tonight

Children's Choir Practice

5:45 –7:15 PM

Elders' Prayer Time

6:00 PM



FUSION: Youth Ministry
No Youth Group Tonight!

This Week

Church Office Closed Monday

Financial Peace University

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM

FCC Ladies' Night Out

Friday, September 5, 8—10 PM

Next Week

Sunday SINGspiration

Sept. 7th at 4:00 PM

Join area churches in a time of good fellowship and singing at the Ridgecrest Christian. Transportation is available. Our bus will leave at 3:15 p.m. Please RSVP for a ride.

Women's Tuesday Bible Study

Begins Sept 9, 10:30 AM

Studying The Pursuit of Holiness (Jerry Bridges) on the FCC Campus, Room 100 RSVP to Candice Summers 294-0630 or csummers@fccabq.org PLEASE...read the first two chapters and corresponding study guide for the 9th.

You can pick your book up at the Welcome Center!

Ministry Opportunities

We Care College Ministry

College Care Ministry for 08-09 Forming

A group of individuals with a heart for caring for FCC college kids get together 6 times per year (3 times per semester) and bring goodies to pack in boxes for them. If you are interested in helping with this ministry this year, please contact Candice Summers, 294-0630 or csummers@fccabq.org.

Let us know of any college students that should receive a care package!

FACTS & FIGURES for August 24, 2008

Attendance: 287 General Fund: \$12,543.35 Weekly Budget Need: \$10,630

DEADLINES: News and Views deadline is the 15th of every month. Bulletin is Tuesday by Noon.

workingfaith
project spotlight

Angel's Acts of Kindness

Who: Angel's Acts of Kindness
Under the direction of FCC members Sandy Sandien / Darrel Knutson

What: Need workers to assist making food packages for elderly, refugee, and homeless clients throughout the ABQ area.

When: Sept 4 10,000 lbs of food **Where:** 425 Western Sky (Sept 4)
Sept 25 6,000 lbs of food 5090 South Coors (Sept 25)

Why: Jesus said, "what you do to the least in your community, my friends, you have done to me." (emphasis added)

How: Sign-up today on the attached Welcome Card or contact Sandy at 507-5773.

Can you help Angel's: We are praying for a building for our ministry operations and distribution. Also, we are in need of a trailer for deliveries of food, furniture, and other needs. The trailer size is for a small pick-up. Contact Sandy for more information regarding these needs.

Our Staff

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Contact our Staff as a group at staff@fccabq.org

Church Office: 294-0630
Mon-Thurs 9:00—5:00
Fridays 9:00—1:00

Prayer Needs:
prayers@fccabq.org

Pastoral Care Needs:
pastoralcare@fccabq.org

Elders: elders@fccabq.org

PRAYER Hotline 857-PRAY

Have a prayer need? You can now call from anywhere and request prayer . . . 857-7729

Prayer & Pastoral Care Requests

Please share my requests with:

- Staff & Elders only. Staff, Elders and Prayer Chain. For Publication.

Pastoral Care Requests:

- I plan to attend the Elder's Prayer Service TONIGHT
- I have an upcoming surgery at _____ hospital on (date) _____ (time) _____
- I would like a contact from my Shepherding Elder. Best time to be reached _____
- I would like a pastoral call from a minister.

Church Lunch Today at Noon!

If you had plans...change them...if you didn't plan on it...come anyway!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS start September 10 at 6 PM

Join us on September 10 for our first Wednesday Night Dinner of this season. Serving begins at 6 PM and our suggested donation for meals are: \$12 Family, \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors, \$4 Students (11-17), Children \$2, and WND Volunteers \$3.00

You can make your reservations on the Welcome Card or through our website www.fccabq.org or by calling the church office (294-0630) by 5 PM on Mondays.

BE A PART OF THE WND TEAM

What has made our Wednesday Night Dinners an absolute success has been our volunteers. We want individuals to be a part of this ministry team. We have openings in:

- **Cooking:** simply present a menu to the team leaders that you would like to cook, sign-up for a date and present your dinner to a Wednesday night crowd.
- **Cook Asst:** arrive early on a Wednesday and assist in the cooking/serving process
- **Set-Up:** arrive early on a Wednesday and prepare the area for the dinner
- **Clean-Up:** following dinner make sure dining area, dishes, kitchen are clean

For more specific information about being a part of the WND Team contact Clara Mapstone (298-1521)

Trek 101 Membership Class Next Week!

Sunday Morning, September 7 & 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

Join Pastor Tom as we discover what a life in Christ and a member in His church is all about...This two week class will enlighten you on the basics of the Christian faith and to what it means to become a member of First Christian. The class is held in the Chapel. Anyone interested can sign-up on the Welcome Card or call the church office, 294-0630.



Thank you for filling out the Welcome Card.
Please tear off and place in offering plate as it is passed.

Welcome Card

August 31, 2008

Service Attended: 8:00AM 10:30AM

First Time Guest Second Other Member

Name _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home / Cell / Work Phone _____

Email _____

I am interested in:

- Becoming a Christian Membership Speaking with a Minister
 Attending Trek 101: Membership Class on Sept. 7 & 14
 workingfaith project volunteer with Angel's Acts of Kindness
 Sept 4 Sept 25

W **N** **D** **6** **PM**
 wednesday night dinner enjoy! Number of Dinner Reservations for September 10 _____
 I can assist cooking set up clean-up

Prayer Requests

NEW or UPDATED PRAYER REQUESTS

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6

Hoover. Bev's mom moved to assisted living. Pray for easy adjustment.
Michelle Lippitt's sister and brother-in-law. Job search.
Jeanine McDevitt. Friend of Carolyn Neuber. Pancreatic Cancer.
Dave Mills. Marcella Smith's brother. Lung cancer and COPD. Rallied. Out of hospice care.
James Ward. (Past Minister at FCC) Prostate Cancer. Continuing Treatment.
Gladys Wood. Recovering from fall.
Dorothy Stansbury. Health South Recovery—pray for healing of doublization/dizziness
Andrew Clure. Apartment burned 8/6. Lost everything. No renter's insurance.
Roger & Cheryl Seppala: Salvation for son Steven
Janet Shelton: Ray Shelton's mother. Health issues.

ONGOING REQUESTS

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17

FAMILY MATTERS

Dickie Oylar. Tami Jackson's mom. Strength
The Gfellers. Job transfer. Derek, issues. Cindy, health
Ermil Lewis. Steve Asher's Mother
William Mattingly. Steve Asher's Brother. Heath & spiritual issues
Darin Lesley. Visit with Dad

HEALTH

Robert Austin. Nancy Noonan's father. Home recovering.
May Livesay. Eye problems stable. Thanks for prayers.
McNutt – Travelling mercies next 3-4 weeks
Josh Michelbach. Salvation. Depression.
David Mitchell. Recovering from health problems.
Petre Sanchez. Pneumonia
Phyllis Wallington. High blood pressure
Dick Stansbury. PT for knee
Betty Bornt. Eric Gfeller's grandmother. Blood clots.
Friend of McNutts. Double mastectomy.
Steve Cavin. Hand healing. Cast is off.
Bill Hendren. Health.
Caitlyn Hill. Pat Hill's granddaughter. Epilepsy.
Huxford Family. Debbie's health.
Mills Family. Health
Patty Mulcahy. Continued healing.
Nick Rawls. Grandson (Jane & Jim Rawls). Depression.

CANCER

Debbie Bowers. Wayne Myers' sister. Skin cancer on nose. Chemo.
Bill Bell. Ruth Ann Pierson's father. Lung cancer.
May Livesay's Co-worker: Cancer. Beginning radiation.
Kay Dixon. Tami Jackson's sister. Lung cancer. Family issues.
Stan Coleman. Pendergrass' Friend. Cancer surgery.
George Demarse. Monica Battaile's Uncle. Cancer. Healing
William Hill. Pat Hill's Son. Bladder cancer.
Hemera Josephs. Pathira Best's Sister. Bone Marrow. Family issues.
Candida Kingston. Addie Mohney's sister-in-law's granddaughter. Leukemia.
Tom Lehman. Friend of Doreen Kurtz.
Dave Mills. Marcella Smith's brother. Lung cancer and COPD. Hospice.
Cyril Misenko. Liver Cancer. Broken Hip. Chemo & PT. Doing well!
Danny Morgan. Asher's life-long friend. Cancer treatment.
Kim Morgan. Friend of Steve Asher. Breast Cancer
Beth Morris. Karolin Little's Niece. Cancer.
Dick & Dot Stansbury. Medical problems.
Dwayne Starks. Cancer. Undergoing treatment.

MILITARY

David. Sue Taylor's Nephew. Iraq. Wife, Tommye, expecting baby in October.
Ryan Davis. Stills' Nephew. Iraq.
Jeanine Frazier. Iraq.
John Keeling. Navy boot camp.
Jayson Tennyson. Sara Driver's friend. Marines. Iraq.
Tomecia. Debra Asher's Daughter. Iraq.
Michael Trower. Antje Sandoval's brother & Derek Hartig's Uncle. Afghanistan
Ben Yarbrough. Sharon Burcham's brother. Navy school in Florida.
Sean Leonard. PHL. Second tour, safety, family.

"...we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Acts 6:4